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LAW STUDENTS v. CANCER

LORI KENNEDY (3L)

Once again, the fur flew in the Law Centre and Cuts for a Cure was a resounding success! The \$15,000 fundraising goal set by the Law Students' Association and the Law Students' Philanthropy Club was shattered. Thanks to the generosity of the Faculty of Law, Bryan & Company (Edmonton), and Miller Thomson (Calgary), Bishop & McKenzie, and ATB Financial over \$17,000 will be donated to the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Even more remarkable is that the money was raised in only ten days. The money will support cancer research, cancer prevention and education initiatives, as well as care and support of people living with cancer. Twenty-five of us faced the clippers this year, including Professors Ron Hopp, Cameron Hutchison, Steven Penney, and IT Manager Salim Kassam. Several law school ladies (Alison Smith, Stephanie Tsui, and Michelle Westgeest) donated their beautiful long locks to be made into wigs and they are looking very stylish with their short new 'dos. Chelsea Vowel and I are struggling with the intricacies of hairless thermoregulation and

a host of the law school lads (Shaun Hohmann, Matt Kachur, Drew Broughton, Bryan Crozier, Chris Nam, Robbie Armfield, Sean Duncan, Ian Gordon, Derek Hopfner, Mike Poznanski, Phil du Heaume, Peter Hertz, Ian McDougall, Carter Greschner, Matt Hewson, Peter Osadetz, and Rob Caruso) also made the sacrifice. We were joined this year by students from the Faculty of Business. Nathan Revoh spearheaded the initiative there and raised over \$2,300, as well as shaving his head at the event. A story appeared on the University of Alberta Express News Page and there was also a photo and caption of a lovely "skillet-in-progress" in the Edmonton Sun. Such publicity bodes well for the continued success and growth of this annual fundraiser.

Too many of us know someone with cancer. That means we know

how important these events are to those living with this disease. My mother has been living with breast cancer for several years and each time she hears of an event like this, she is heartened. In addition to raising the all important dollars, these events remind people with cancer that they are not alone and that there is hope. Whatever you gave to Cuts for a Cure, your money, your hair, your time, your cupcakes or your words of encouragement, you made a difference and you should be proud.

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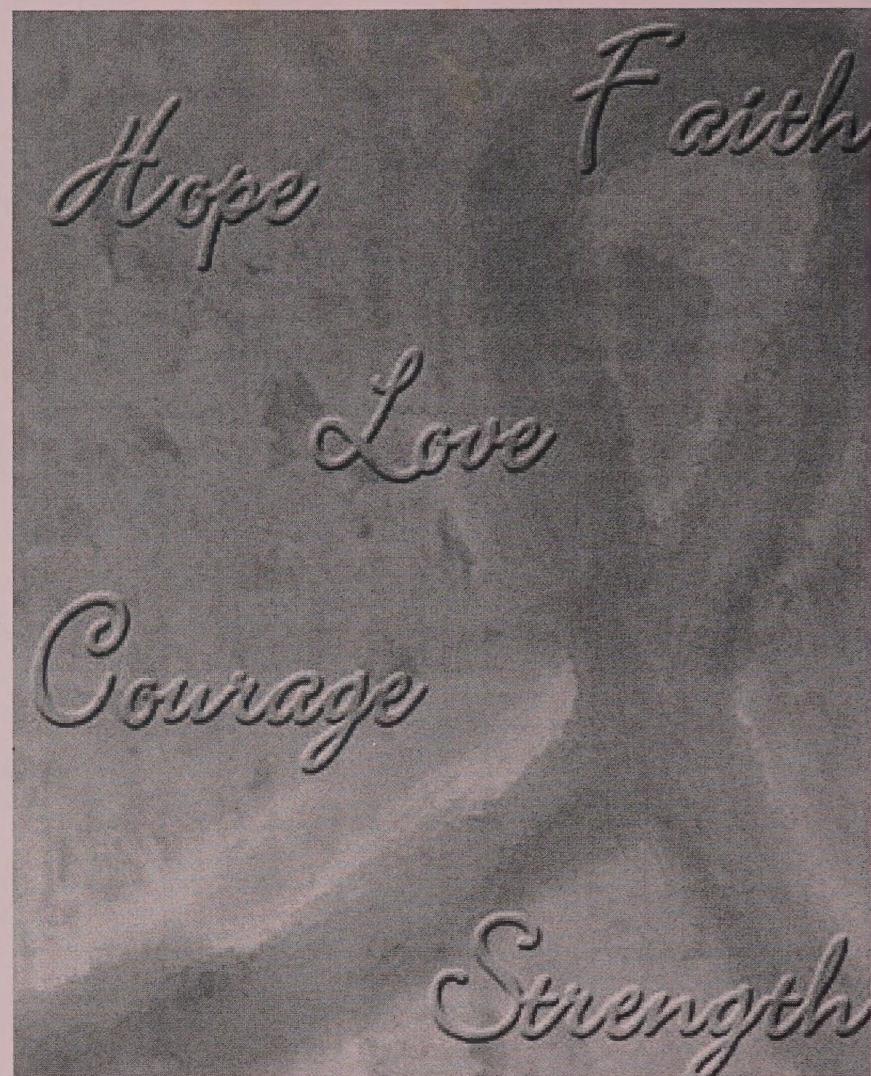
RUN FOR THE CURE

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On Sunday September 30th, 2007 twenty-five students from the University of Alberta Law School woke up early to Run for the Cure. The weather was sunny and everyone was bundled up to keep warm. The course started at Churchill Square in Downtown Edmonton and traveled east in a 5km loop. Throughout the morning we met many inspirational runners, survivors, and supporters. Everyone ran a great race, and the Rugby Pubcrawl festivities the night before did not slow anyone down. After the event ended, our team headed over to Fiore's for brunch and a team celebration.

The University of Alberta Law Students' Association Team raised over \$1,600. The top 5 fundraisers were Clara Ferguson, Michelle Andresen, Vince Ng, Shannon Matheson, and Dana Skorenki.

The LSA team was joined by over 170,000 Canadians across the nation who were running to raise money to fund innovative and relevant breast cancer research, education, and awareness programs. Breast cancer remains the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Canadian women, but over the last 20 years, mortality rates have steadily declined. This is the second year the LSA has participated in the Run. Hopefully participating in this uplifting event will become an annual tradition at the Faculty of Law. Thanks again to everyone who participated and I hope to see more of you out next year!



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WELCOME TO LAW; PREPARE TO BE HATED

LILY NGUYEN (1.5L)



Most of my work colleagues were congratulatory and encouraging when they learned I was starting law school. But I will never forget the reaction of one of my closest work mates when I informed him he would be seeing less of me as I went part time to pursue my studies.

"Law!!?" he said, halfway between a snort and a sneer. "Why do you want to be one of those guys?" After about half an hour of heated discussion, where I defended my decision and he apologized for his reaction and assured me that some of his best friends were lawyers, etc., he proceeded to share his repertoire of dirty-lawyer jokes.

So Maclean's attention-grabbing July 26th cover, titled *LAWYERS ARE RATS*, was not a particular shock. Clearly there is an element of society to whom the jurists of the day are not heroes.

For example, this year's Leger poll of most trusted professions found lawyers pretty low down on the list, trusted by only about half of people (52%), in the same league as insurance brokers (50%) and public servants (52%).

Lest you dismiss that as general strain of cynicism in society, take a look at the numbers for firefighters (97%), teachers (89%) and doctors (87%). Judges, a species of lawyer that enjoys a pretty good reputation (according to my very scientific "how many dirty-judge jokes have I been told lately" test) fare better (74%), but not nearly as well as police officers (84%).

What is a well-intentioned law student to do?

1. Get used to it.

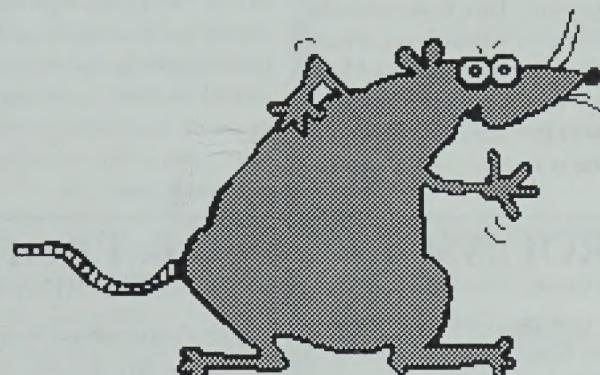
Law is not a popularity contest. (Sidenote: Politicians, who are all about popularity, are trusted by 15% of the population.) Sometimes doing your job right means shocking the sensibilities of Jane & John Q.

The public wants law to be about punishing the bad guys and protecting the good ones, but lawyers are taught differently, that law is about following a certain process, which we have to trust will render justice in the long term.

As a result, we place a high value on protecting the process, even if it means the bad guy sometimes does not get it (e.g., evidence being thrown out, convictions overturned).

Inevitably, the value systems conflict. But this is not really so bad; in fact, I would say it is a function of being inducted into just about any craft/profession/trade.

For example, a few years ago, my renovator tore open a wall and informed me in a shocked voice that I was lacking a needed supporting beam. My response was, "Is that so bad? That wall's been fine for 90 years." His response was to shoot me a look of the purest contempt before he politely explained that yes, that was bad. As a professional, it is his job to make sure the house has the structural support to stand up and function



to oak.

Lawyers also have to be concerned with the underlying principles that allow the system to stand up and keep functioning, even if the result is not always as pretty as they would like.

2. Get angry.

So some suspicion of lawyers is inevitable. But is it also justified?

The main issue with the Maclean's article that is burning up the nation's blawgs is that the magazine is engaging in a group smear, calling all lawyers rats when only a very small number of them are.

Maybe it is because I was a journalist (48% trust) but I can see where Maclean's is coming from.

If we belong, or aspire to belong, to a privileged group that holds its standards to be higher than that of the general public, I think the public has a right to cry foul if members of

the group do not meet that standard, the right to complain to the group as a whole, and the right to get angry if they do not think enough is being done.

Who else are they going to complain to?

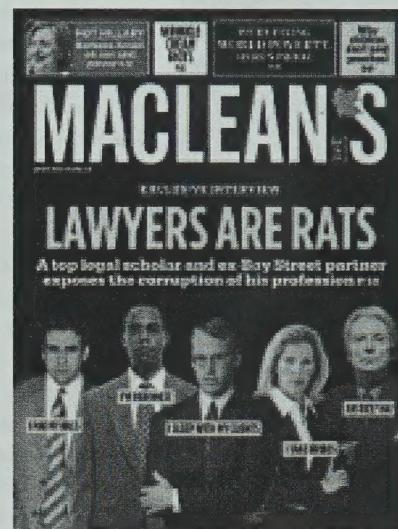
As a journalist, I was occasionally attacked for how "I" hounded Princess Di to her death and how "I" am about to do the same for Britney Spears, even though I have never knowingly come within 1,000 km of either. Unless the

complainant was truly loopy, I think what they are really asking is: "This is happening, can't you do something about it?"

The public's expectation of self-policing is even higher for the legal community, which is after all governed only by its own members (i.e., law societies). In that way, the offences committed by a few bad apples should make the whole community smell a little overripe. It is one way

to ensure that the community continues to take the transgressions seriously.

So I say, get mad at Maclean's. The editor-in-chief there, Ken Whyte, undoubtedly subscribes to the "it is better to be hated than ignored" school of journalism and does not mind sacrificing a bit of headline accuracy to make a splash. But I also say: get mad at bad lawyers. And keep in mind that when/if you pass the bar, it is your job not to be a bad lawyer yourself, and to do something about the ones who are.



COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

Canons would like to know what you think of this or any of our issues. We have a 'Comments Box' in the library (at least, we think it's still there), or preferably e-mail us at canons@ualberta.ca.

PROFESSOR PROFILE: PROF LEWANS

ELLEN HONG (2L)



Where is your hometown? Assiniboia, Saskatchewan.

Why did you choose administrative law? During my undergrad I attended a talk about administrative law given by Professor Mike Taggart from New Zealand. His passion for it was infectious. When I went back to do graduate work I sought out administrative law. Also, issues raised in administrative law grapple with fundamental issues faced in other areas, like legal philosophy and political philosophy. It is a very rich area of law.

Tell us about your doctoral thesis. I am trying to understand historically why administrative authority is viewed as it is today. I also look comparatively at UK law, where they still practice jurisdictional error. Why are things different in Canada? What are the implications for our understanding of the modern state and administrative institutions?

Administrative authority is a difficult concept to pin down because as a matter of constitutional theory, most theorists reserve pride of place for legislatures and courts, but do not have a theoretical place "reserved" for administrative agencies. This is problematic because modern states rely heavily on administrative institutions as legal institutions. I hold that administrative decision-makers interpret and apply the law in the same way as lawyers and judges do. This is a provocative statement

that does not fit well with judges' perceptions of what the Constitution says.

Which legal theorist do you most identify with? Ronald Dworkin.

What was the last non-academic book that you read? *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift.

What words or phrases do you most overuse? "Excellent".

What talent would you most like to have? I would like to become fluent in Greek. **What do you do when you are not at work?** I like to watch movies.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why? Athens. My girlfriend is from Athens and I would like to learn Greek. Plus it's just a great place.

Any advice or tips for law students? Try to understand legal issues in a more colloquial, commonsense fashion. People tend to use legalisms and jargon to obfuscate what should be done in certain circumstances. Be aware of this and try to see and speak more clearly about why something ought or ought not to happen.

PROFESSOR PROFILE: PROF ADAMS

KATHERINE PALMER (2L)

Where did you practice? In Toronto at a big Bay Street firm, and then I went to a smaller civil litigation boutique firm with about 20 lawyers. It gave me a sense of the law from different perspectives before I went back and discovered law in books again.

What was the last book you read? Mordechai Richler's *Solomon Gursky Was There*.

What is on your iPod? I do not have an iPod – I have never even owned a cell phone. But I listen to a lot of music. I am excited about Radiohead's new album.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

Do I have a time machine?

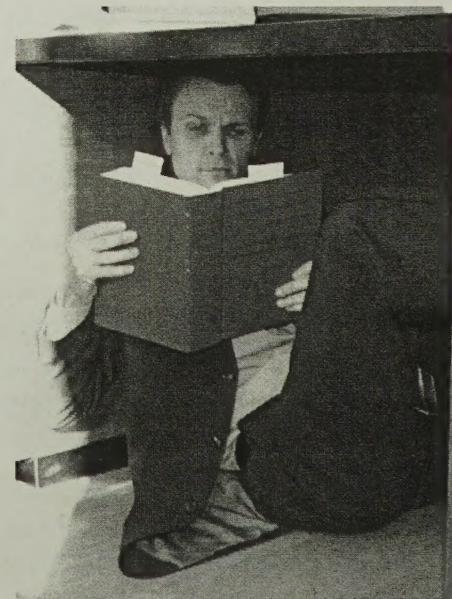
Sure

I am pretty sure I would go to Versailles and eat the pastry.

At the height of the monarchy?

No, just before they all get beheaded.

What do you do when you are not reading?



How do you like Edmonton? Edmonton bears some similarity to Winnipeg and I like Winnipeg. The river valley is spectacular. I did not know Edmonton had a river valley before we moved here; the tourist board needs to do a better job of promoting it.

What led you to academia? I did not always love law school as a student and it made me wonder if I could replicate the things about law school that I liked and avoid the things I did not like. I thought about legal academics as a student, but a professor encouraged me to practice first.

NEW CHAIR IN ENERGY LAW & POLICY ENDOWED

SCOTT SMARDON

On September 25th, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP announced a new partnership with the U of A Faculty of Law and committed \$1.5 million to endow a new Energy Law and Policy Chair. In time these funds will be matched by the University via the Provincial Government's "Access to the Future Fund". The total endowment will be \$3,000,000.

The fact that BLG, with over 700 lawyers nationally, chose our Faculty is significant. BLG wanted to brand themselves as Canada's leading law firm in the energy sector and chose the Law School that they felt provided the best academic program in that field.

As Dean David Percy pointed out in his remarks, "We were the first Law School in Canada to teach energy law and we have been doing so for over 50 years. The first text book on energy was co-authored by one of our professors." The Dean also thanked BLG for their long history of support including the two \$10,000 BLG Fellowships awarded each year. The Faculty will now begin an international search to find the best possible person to fill the new position.

The impact of this chair on law students will be significant. The academic "platform" in energy law will be the most complex and far-reaching program of its kind in Canada. While we tend to see energy law in terms of Alberta and oil and gas, BLG views it as a national issue. With the push for alternative and cleaner energy sources, students will have to understand the issues that relate to wind power, alternative fuel sources and hydro electric power to name a few.

No one area of the law can stand-alone. The practice of energy law will be linked with other areas of expertise. Law firms and energy related corporations have realized that this field of study also encompasses sectors such as aboriginal law, natural resources, regulatory law and intellectual property.

The establishment of the Borden Ladner Gervais LLP Chair in Energy Law and Policy is a key element to the overall academic "platform" within the Faculty. Generations of students will receive the best possible education in this field of study. They will be sought out by the best law firms in Canada as well as by national energy sector corporations. This gift from BLG will help further distinguish our faculty and its graduates as Canada's future leaders.

From one
national leader to another...
Thank you!

The Borden Ladner Gervais LLP Chair in Energy Law and Policy at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law will significantly bolster energy law education and research, and ensure Canada's energy policies are powered by solid scholarship.

The University of Alberta is grateful for the generous donation of \$1.5 million from Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, one of Canada's leading national law firms.

BLG's commitment to excellence in legal education enables one of Canada's top universities to create an endowed chair in energy law and policy.

Sincerely,

David R. Percy

David Percy
Dean of Law



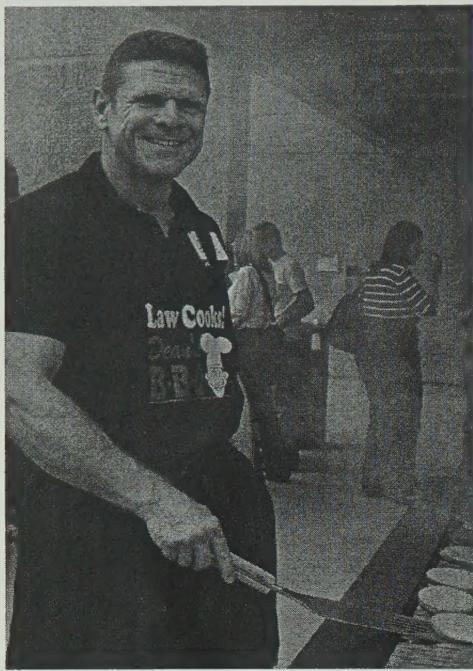
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THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

WAYNE RENKE (ASSOCIATE DEAN)



On Saturday, September 15, the "Law's a Beach" softball tournament was held. I received a few disturbing reports about conduct at the tournament. Very generally, I heard about some trash talk, conduct lacking civility, and excessive competitiveness (given that we weren't dealing with the World Series).

I was not at the tournament, so I can neither comment on individuals' conduct nor confirm whether the reports I received were accurate. The reports, though, are a good spur to provide some reminders of what we all heard in Orientation, if not much earlier. Before I offer these reminders, I should forestall misunderstanding. I shall not suggest that you should not do your best and strive to excel, whether for yourself or for your (eventual) clients. I shall

not suggest that the prime imperative is to fit in or to favour the interests of others over your own interests, the interests of your (eventual) clients, or the interests of justice. To achieve your proper goals, though, you should bear the following in mind.

A good reputation is a critical component of success in practice. Although practice is hedged around with rules, trust - extended by you and extended to you - is a vital contributor to getting things done. What will serve you well and earn you trust is a reputation for reliability, for not taking improper advantage, for objectivity, for reasonableness, for emotional control - for fighting hard, but honourably. If those traits are eroded by your conduct, you may be able to continue to practice, but your practice will likely be solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short.

Your reputation begins now. You probably did not know many of your classmates before you started Law School. You will certainly remember them after you have graduated - and they will remember you. No one is going to know or care what mark you got in a particular course. What people will care about is whether you are someone with whom they can do business. The primary basis for the inferences about your reputation will be the incidents and conduct in which you have been involved while you were here. It may not be the best evidence of your character, but it will be the only evidence that your classmates will have.

Furthermore, your reputation will radiate out from Law School. Your classmates will be the primary conduit of information about your reputation to the profession - at least until you have been out for a few years.

Developing a good reputation takes long and hard work; developing a bad reputation on the hand is quick and easy. Fortunately or unfortunately, people are quick to focus on bad behaviour, and to use it as a predictor of your future behaviour. Of course, we all make mistakes, and an error or two in an otherwise correct life will be ignored or forgiven. One very bad misstep, however, can dog you the rest of your career. A series of inappropriate actions can have damaging effects on your reputation that far outweigh the other good that you have done.

What goes around comes around. In this profession, you will wind up on the receiving end. You can expect to find yourself in vulnerable positions (the need for more time probably occurs most frequently). If you are perceived as difficult or unreasonable, you decrease the likelihood of the extensions of the minor indulgences and accommodations that make practice bearable.

Civility is not a virtue but a duty. You have joined an ancient and learned profession. A main justification for our profession is that we (along with other components of the systems of justice) permit conflicts to be resolved and interactions to be coordinated with reduced interpersonal friction. To the extent that we become the problem, to the extent that we generate friction through taking advantage, unreasonableness, lack of objectivity, or excessive emotion, we undo the need for ourselves, and we fail to do the job entrusted to us. The duty to play nice is owed not only to our classmates, but to our profession, and to society - which grants us the privilege of having and belonging to our profession. The duty starts here.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

JAMES KOIZUMI (3L)

Chief Justice Wachowich graduated from the University of Alberta Faculty of Law in 1958. The self-admitted, "average student" has made a substantial impact on the legal profession after being first appointed to the courts in 1974 and the Court of Queen's Bench in 1993. Equally impressive are the generous pro bono contributions made in the community, including acting in a local play and teaching law classes.

Despite all of these accomplishments, the Chief Justice is an extremely humble man, mindful of his modest upbringing. Admittedly, he almost lost himself in the alluring financial pursuits as a junior associate. Despite a demanding workload, his mother insisted that

he give of himself and find the time to help a less fortunate family friend. From that point forward, Chief Justice Wachowich incorporated volunteer contributions as a part of his definition of a successful legal professional. He stressed that everyone can find some time to give of himself or herself and building a pro bono obligation starts in law school.

Whether you choose to give your time inside or outside of school, every hour and positive change made in another person's life inadvertently strengthens the reputation and sense of community at U of A Law. We are always grateful that our alumni continue to succeed as respected citizens and are able to return to impart their wisdom on us, as future members of the bar.

Kawaskimhon Moot

The Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta is proud to host this year's Kawaskimhon Moot from March 7th to 9th.

The U of A's Faculty of Law is looking to provide 2 teams this year. ALL interested students please e-mail kawaskim@law.ualberta.ca for more information regarding the application process.

Application deadline
November 2nd!

WARNING: MAY CONTAIN NUTS

SUMMER LANE (2L)



If not for the delay of my flight out of Boston, I would not have spent the night in Saugus, Massachusetts, eating a Mexican-style meal alone with

a Boston newspaper for company. If not for that Boston Globe, I would not know that the 4th veto of George W. Bush's presidency was exercised against a \$35 billion bill extending health coverage to lower-middle class children. This bill directed financial assistance to families with a household income of \$50,000 per year. This does not sound like poverty until you realize these families cannot afford the cost of private health insurance, which – according to the article – averages \$11,000 per year.

And then I remembered Navid asked me to write for Canons about John Carpay's presentation on the *Charter* and the *Canada Health Act*, sponsored by the Faculty's visiting speaker's committee. Mr. Carpay was speaking as a representative of the Canadian Constitution Foundation.

Is there a connection between the subject of the President's veto and the speaker's presentation?

Mr. Carpay explained that if the proposed *Charter* challenge of the *Canada Health*

Act removes the prohibition of private health care, Canadians would be free to select the extent and character of the private insurance adopted. European mixed systems were held up as exemplars.

This is possible, but is it likely? Canadian industries are influenced by foreign ownership, 69% of which is based in the U.S. (Stats Can, 2004). It is difficult to imagine how the extent and character of private health insurance would be determined without the participation of foreign corporate interests, the majority of which are American.

In the main, Mr. Carpay illustrated the reasons for the *Charter* challenge with accounts of where the Canadian system has failed individuals. The contention was that the problems caused by the limitations of the public system would be different if these patients had unrestricted access to private care.

One Canadian patient's experience with a brain tumor was described. The Canadian system did not or could not serve this patient, who resorted to care in the U.S. through a private insurer and received lifesaving treatment. By contrast, I have anecdotal knowledge of a man diagnosed with a brain tumor while living in the U.S. who was a well-insured oil company executive. While his condition deteriorated in hospital, his insurance company's manipulation of his health coverage ultimately bankrupted his family. I do not wish to negate the experiences of either patient mentioned here, but I am using this to illustrate that it is possible to

find individual patient stories with untenable outcomes whether the health care is from a public or private source.

I understand there are issues in the Canadian system that must be addressed. I also understand that private care may be an inevitable component of the solution. But it seems important to recognize that “[t]he United States continues to be the biggest foreign player in the Canadian economy. As Canada's nearest neighbour and largest trading partner, the United States continues to dominate foreign-controlled corporations operating in Canada.” (Stats Can, 2004). If we increase the availability of private care in Canada, what is a realistic appraisal of what we are inviting?

In discussion that followed the lecture, this point was called “fearful” (in the room) and “paranoid” (in the hallway). At that point, I felt nuttier than squirrel poo for thinking this was a reasonable apprehension. To try to understand the speaker's position I will continue to look at the Canadian Constitution Foundation (aka the CCF) website. For those of you interested the website is: www.canadianconstitutionfoundation.ca. This site is well worth a look.

And for your interest, the name of Tommy Douglas' party when he first instituted free hospital visits in Saskatchewan and (unpopularly) proposed a constitutional bill of rights was the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, also called the CCF. Is it just me or is the irony a bit nuts?

ACTUALLY, YOU'RE NOT THAT AWESOME

COREY SANDQUIST (3L)

It is true that coming to law school is an accomplishment. It takes some work and sacrifice. However, simply because we have been accepted into law school or have some “connections”, does not mean that suddenly people should praise and worship us.

Law school creates a little bubble that is a breeding ground for a false sense of entitlement. We are isolated from the rest of the university on our academic and social fronts. We join tight, and sometimes exclusionist, groups. We have rooms in the school that are key card access only. These are not necessarily bad things, but they can lead to a sense of entitlement over other “non-law” students or people in general.

With respect to the social aspect, I think it is time to point out one fact: nobody is running to stand in line to party with the law students. Yes, we have a lot of events within the faculty but these are *within the faculty*. There is not a

group of people banging down the doors to get into these events. So, maybe we are not that awesome after all. Maybe we should treat “non-law” students the same as we treat our own groups: if you like someone or not, it should be because of who they are, not what they are taking in school. This is not to suggest that first impressions or snap decisions are improper. We do this all the time in all aspects of life. I just suggest that within that decision making scheme, there should not be the consideration of whether that person is in law school; it is similar to deciding that you are “better” than someone simply because that person has brown hair, not blonde. These decisions should be based on actions and interactions with others. So, when you are faced with the choice of whether to do something for someone else, that really does not take a lot of effort, why not just do it? People doing these extra little things for others is what makes our faculty great, so why

not hold the door open for someone when you get the chance?

Finally, as lawyers we will have important responsibilities. We are a self – governing profession that requires morality and professional conduct. We are not entitled to something simply by virtue of this fact; we are not entitled to do things others cannot simply by virtue of being a lawyer. Respect and privilege must be earned. It is character that determines these things, not the fact that you simply went to school for three years. I am not saying go out and save the world, but perhaps appreciate the things other people do for you instead of expecting it.



EMILY POST'S GUIDE TO LAW SCHOOL ETIQUETTE

ANONYMOUS LAW STUDENT

This law school is not a crazy competitive place, and everyone usually gets along. But if you want to get off to the best start possible, please read the following (THESE APPLY TO UPPER YEARS TOO!). They are based on the experiences of a 3L, with a little input from friends.

Classroom Behaviour

- You do not OWN a specific seat in class. If having a particular seat for every class is such a concern to you, pretend you have a chronic fear of being late and show up at each class 15 minutes early.
- If you are late, sit at the back! Do not push through to the front centre due to the irresistible urge to sit in "your seat".
- Do not save seats for friends, especially when they are late! With the exception of Mr. BO (below), it is tolerable to sit by another classmates for 50 minutes.
- Please shower. You don't want to be known as Mr. (or Ms/Mrs/Miss/Dr) BO. However, if you do feel that you need a title in law school, the old Mr. BO just graduated and we may crown a new one
- Do not type EVERYTHING the prof says (FYI: if no one else is typing, why are you???)
- Do not thump on your keyboard, type.
- Do not talk in class, use MSN. If you cannot find some way to occupy yourself, then obviously a few chromosomes are missing.
- Keep computer volume off, although it is amusing to hear MSN messenger beeps. If you make frequent use of MSN, please make sure to keep your conversations interesting. Remember, you are entertaining the people sitting behind you and you owe them something more than "lol i am bored" ("I got laid by student X" is much better).
- Snacking in class is okay, but think twice before eating a noisy or smelly food. Also, using actual china and metal flatware in class is rather loud.
- PDA's are not required. Unless you were on the KGB recruit list, everyone already knows if you are sleeping with a classmate.

Asking Questions

- Do not ask questions just for the sake of asking a question or to show off that you have read all of the supplementary materials. For the first week of law school, your classmates may think that you are super smart, but soon you may become the most talked about per-

son in your section. Wait until after exams and papers to see who actually does well—usually the people who do are not the ones hogging class time with incessant questions.

• Samples of questions not to ask:

- o Does the case we are talking about now deal with a similar issue to the case we are going to discuss next week?
- o Does the point of law that only I know because I'm 3 weeks ahead in the supplementary materials apply in Canada?



time. I'm impressed by your obvious lack of social life. Your classmates who do better than you by (1) not reading the entire casebook and (2) not reading all supplementary materials must not be so bright. Maybe we should just engrave your name into the gold medal right now. Obviously, your classmates know nothing about time management, how to not look like a douche bag, or how to be considerate of others time.

• Remember there are 60 people in class. Your classmates may start timing the amount you talk, and then calculate how much of their \$10,000 tuition and fees you have wasted with your questions.

• If the professor cannot answer the question in class, or has suggested that you discuss it with him after class, do not continue to ask the same question

• Do not turn around in class, while asking your question, and lecture the class with your life experience.

• If you do have a legitimate question to ask a professor, do not wait a minute before the class ends. Either ask it the next day or stay behind, the rest of us probably want to get the hell out. Or, heaven forbid, go to office

hours!

• If you do go to office hours, and there is another student already talking with the professor, do not barge in with your most important question.

• Language control: while you do not have to agree with all authors, saying that you think Tony Honore is a dimwit and his article is a fu*#\$ piece of sh!t is not the best strategy.

Note Sharing

• It's perfectly legit to ask a friend for notes if you have missed a class. However, the following will not impress your classmates:

• Asking for an ENTIRE semester of notes because you "didn't feel like going to class" or "were too lazy to take notes"

• Asking for someone's CAN because you could not be bothered to make one yourself. It is more appropriate to exchange CANS, not make an outright donation.

• Asking someone you never otherwise talk to for notes.

General

• Don't complain about receiving an A—because you deserved (or should have been entitled to because of your special status) at least an A. Especially don't complain when you hardly ever talk to this person and they received a lower mark than you.

• Saying, to a large group in general, that maybe you should get some C's on your transcript to create variety. Hello? Maybe some people in the group received C's. We're not all getting 4.0's anymore.

• Do not try to sabotage others in first year moots.

• Don't assume you are part of a study group and invite yourself to meetings.

• Don't tell people you barely study so that you don't feel like a moron if you don't do well on an exam.

• Don't brag about how you are going to win the gold medal during the first week of law school. If you were that special you would be on a free ride at Harvard (not that U of A isn't great, but really...). Bragging about LSAT scores, undergrad marks, and your honours degree are also not recommended.



However, as Oscar Wilde said "There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about." So if you are looking for attention then I've given you plenty of fodder for becoming the most talked about student in law school.

JUSTICE ROTHSTEIN

KAREN CHEUK (3L)

On September 11th, 2007 the U of A Faculty of Law was delighted to welcome Honourable Justice Marshall Rothstein of the Supreme Court of Canada. Appointed to Canada's highest court in March of 2006, Justice Rothstein is the newest Supreme Court Justice and the first to undergo the parliamentary committee hearing process introduced by the Conservative government. Justice Rothstein recounted his journey from being a judge on the Federal Court of Appeal to Justice on the Supreme Court of Canada.

Originally from Winnipeg, Justice Rothstein was called to fill the "Prairie" spot on the Supreme Court that was left vacant by the retirement of Alberta's Justice Jack Major. From the moment Prime Minister Harper telephoned in February 2006 to nominate him, Justice Rothstein faced the challenge of keeping such exciting news confidential as well as rigorous preparation for the parliamentary hearing with the assistance of eminent individuals including Professor Peter Hogg of constitutional law fame. As the pioneer of the new appointment process, Justice Rothstein also prepared by reviewing the 800-page U.S. Senate confirmation transcripts of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. At the parliamentary hearing itself, Justice

Rothstein faced three rounds of questioning by various MPs. Happily, the P.M. confirmed the nomination of Justice Rothstein who attributes his success to good preparation.

In Justice Rothstein's view, the advantage of the new appointment process is its emphasis on the massive amount of work required to review candidates for such an important public position. This may bring greater public confidence in the judiciary. Conversely, he



noted that the major disadvantage of the new process was that it could be used by opposition parties to attack and/or embarrass nominees, thus leading to the danger that the government will avoid nominating controversial but highly qualified individuals. In response to criticisms that this new process will become like the overly political U.S. process, our new-

est Supreme Court Justice believes there is less risk of the negative features of the U.S. experience being manifested in Canada. In Canada, Justice Rothstein credits greater dialogue and mutual respect between the judiciary and the legislature. In order to convey that courts do not have a monopoly over the Constitution, Canadian courts encourage legislative reply on contentious policy issues through the use of the "suspended declaration of invalidity."

Overall, Justice Rothstein is optimistic about the new appointment process and now that the "genie is out of the bottle," he believes that the Canadian process of appointing Justices will not return to the more private traditional method of direct appointment by the P.M.

For a large audience that nearly stretched the limits of Rm. 231/237 and consisted of many enthusiastic first-year students, Justice Rothstein was a lively and charismatic speaker who delighted us with his "judicial humour." He shared amusing anecdotes such as the airline ticket agent who, upon discovering that she was speaking to the newest Justice of the Supreme Court, asked him for legal advice on whether she could kill a raccoon that persisted in frightening her on her way to work in the morning! We greatly appreciate Justice Rothstein for his meaningful and entertaining lecture.

"RETRO" QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I'm never in contradiction. Write that down. That'll be on the exam: 'What entity is never in contradiction?'" DeCoste.
-Professor DeCoste providing some exam guidance (2006)

"Last time I filled it out [the census], I put down my sexual orientation as 'necrophile.' ... If you don't fill it out, they will send people to your house. The only thing you can do is shoot them" -Professor Decoste explaining his thoughts on the census (2006)

"I have to leave the room now. Otherwise my intelligence and personality might overwhelm you." -Professor Decoste explaining why he must leave the room when course evaluations are handed out (2006)

We encourage and welcome submissions to Quotable Quotes providing that the statements were made in a public forum. Every submission must include the name of the speaker (student or faculty), date, and location. Send your quotes to canons@ualberta.ca, along with your name (although it will not be published). Finally, a reason to pay attention in class! The quotes below are from years past, enjoy!

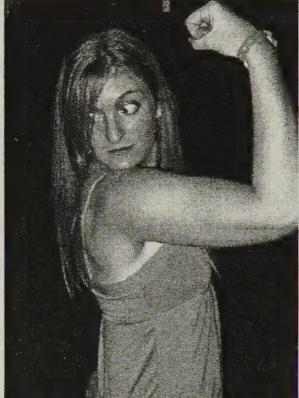
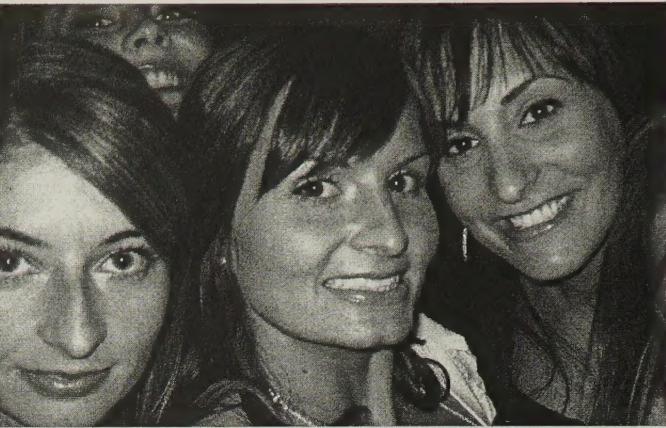
"I have to sit down. I just finished giving a lecture to the first years and you know how they drain you, the way they look at you" -Professor Bauman feels the strain of bringing new legal minds into existence (1994)

"Some respect is required, but not that much" -Professor Hopp's response to a student saying "oh my god" after their name was called to brief a contract case (1993)

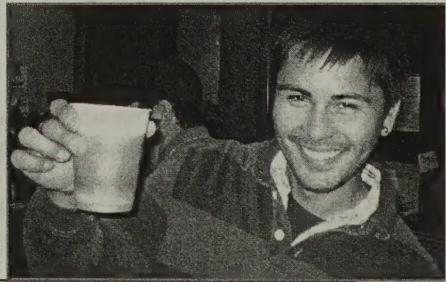
"Summarize the case in a sentence? I don't know about that, I can't even say my name is a sentence. I'm sort of wordy" -Professor Klar getting introspective again (1992)

"Let me tell you something, I tell the jokes in this class. If you want to tell jokes get your own class" -Professor Ziff after students suggested that a joke had already been used once (1991)

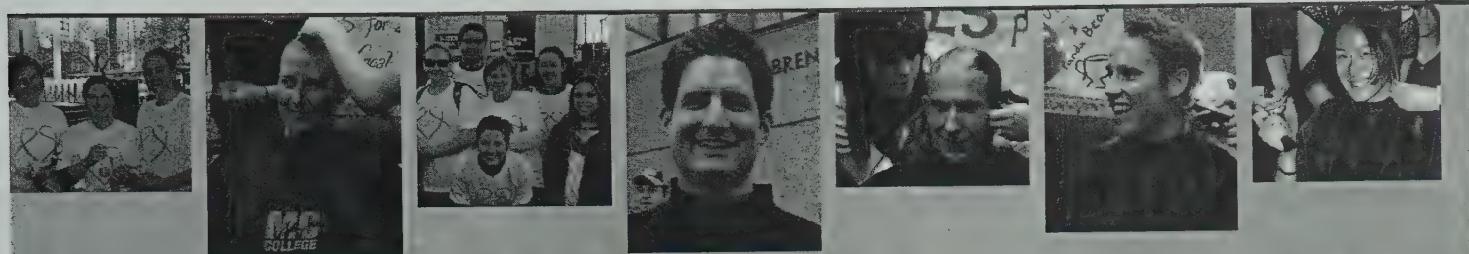
"Which ones are mine?" -Professor Gall's comment while watching his first year Constitutional student's moot against Anne McLellan's class (1986)



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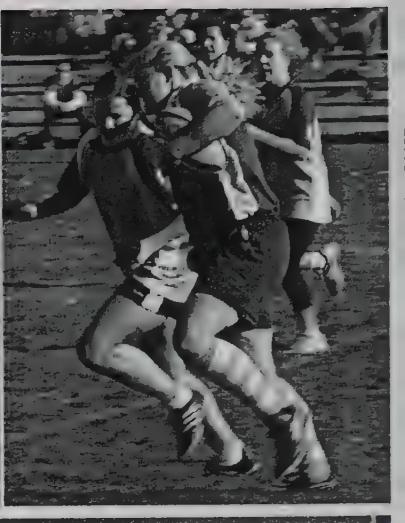
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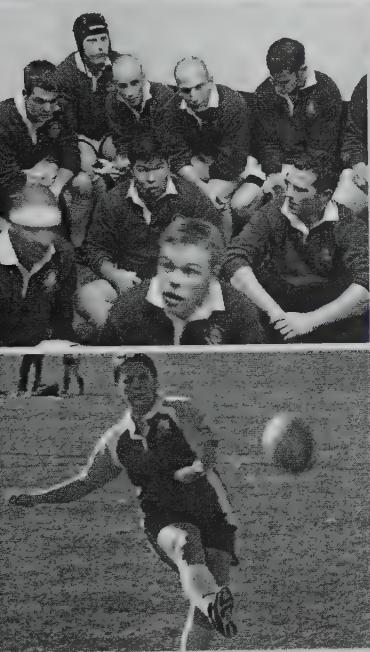


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LAW RUGBY

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PANDA BEARRISTERS RUCK & ROLL ALUMNI WEEKEND SHEENA OWENS (2L)

This weekend marked the end of a wonderful season for the Panda Bearristers Rugby Club. Our club has been growing steadily every year, and this year was no exception with over 40 registered members joining us for the fall season. Although only a few alumni were able to attend, we were still able to host a great game. This of course was thanks to the amazing efforts of our coaches Dirk, Mike and James, who transformed our squad from a hesitant group of girls into a bunch of tackling loving warriors! There were many great reviews from spectators that the quality of the girl's game had increased infinitely and we hope to build on this progress in years to come. The Panda Bearristers aspire to eventually develop our club to the level of the male team. Of course this cannot be achieved without the

support from our graduating players. As we wish them well, we hope that they will return to play against us in the years to come so that we can finally have a full alumni team to play against the current students. As more players graduate from our ever-improving program, the stronger the game will be. Let the rivalry begin! Special congratulations go out to team MVP Adrianna Boughton and Rookie of the Year Adrienne Shapka. Both awards were chosen by the Executive and were based on the players' attendance, skills, attitude, and willingness to drink beer after the practices. Also, a big thank you to Dean Percy who referred our game. I am told, but have not verified, that this is a first for Dean Percy and we appreciate his efforts and hope to see his return for next year's alumni weekend. At

this time, I would like to encourage all Panda Bearristers to vote in the elections that will take place next semester. We have a few vacancies on the Executive and also have members who will be seeking re-election. It is up to you to determine who governs the club. If you feel that you could make a positive contribution, please come out and vote. I would especially like to encourage current 1L members to think about taking on a leadership role. Without ensuring that all years are represented, there is a risk of a gap in the Executive. We want to be able to hand down our work to the future years so that we can continue to improve on the developments that we have made. Once again, thank you and congratulations to all members for a great season. I hope your muscles are healing faster than mine!

MEN'S RUGBY SEASON HIGHLIGHT DREW BROUGHTON (3L)

Although St. Albert is generally known for spoiled rich kids and their world-renowned Rotary Music Festival, this weekend it played host to an event that has become a mainstay in the law school's fall calendar. The annual Golden Bearristers Alumni Rugby Game showcases some of the best rugby that amateur, no-talent, geeky law students have to offer. The students began to show up at 11:00 am for the noon kickoff. Most had gotten a good night's sleep. They trained for months under coaches provided by the Nor'wester Athletic Association, and they were generally in reasonably good shape. The red-eyed alumni showed up ten minutes before kickoff, with a Big Mac in one hand and a DuMaurier in the other. They had not trained or played in years. At half-time the students were tied 7-7, and morale was still high. The alumni came up in the second half to take a 14-7 lead. With time and bodies running out, Chris "Britney" Salomon, scored a try with 2 minutes left to cut the lead to two points, but unfortunately an unexpected gust of wind denied Mike Jemczyk of the tying kick. Dean Percy did a great job refereeing the game, although a few more penalties against the alumni would not have been unreasonable. For the 3rd year in a row, and the 9th in game history, the Olden Bearristers took home the

trophy. But the quality of play itself, by both teams, was the highest it has been in recent years. And some of the off-field accomplishments of the team are just as noteworthy. The team's founding fathers, Adam Pekarsky and Sean Taylor, were recognized and presented with plaques commemorating their contribution. There were also some further donations made to the Golden Bearristers Alumni Scholarship fund, which represents the first student group at the faculty of law to financially support its own members. The Golden Bearristers also officially unveiled their new website which should facilitate members in



contacting each other, and in keeping up to date with the happenings of the club. As a thank you to our coaches for their time and effort this season, a donation of \$500 was made to the Nor'wester Youth Rugby program. Perhaps the team's greatest accomplishment of the day was the decisive victory over Pepperdine's Volleyball team in a boat race (i.e. drinking competition) at Boston Pizza. The after-party, for those who did not get kicked out, was a lot of fun and was attended by many, non-rugby playing alumni. The club's main objective is a social one. It provides all members with equal opportunity and playing time, regardless of past rugby experience. As a club we would like to thank all those who traveled to be there and took time out of their busy schedules to make this event the new standard for the Golden Bearristers Alumni weekend.

► Law Hockey Pool Returns for the 2007/08 School Year

1. Stefanie Quelch	7. Stewart Tighe	12. Deirdre Lanigan
2. Richard Maclean	7. Justine Lee	12. Law
3. Michael Klaray #2	7. Jay Geers	12. Malcom Allan
3. Jon Kerber	7. Jon Cummings #2	12. Aaron Robertson
5. Dave Cumming #2	7. Jesse Flookes 2	
5. Katy the Champ	12. Angela Wu	

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THE ART OF WINNING

ROBBIE MCCULLOCH (2L)

The Edmonton Oilers Suck. Wow, that really felt good! I will be returning to that point shortly. Let me begin by introducing myself first. My name is Rob McCulloch, and I like winning. No, I really like winning. I came to law school for the foundations needed to be a good lawyer. But I have always wanted something more. I always wanted to win at something, but I just did not know what. Then I met Bryan Crozier. For those of you who do not know this young man, let me introduce him. Bryan, born Bryan Tight Jeans Crozier, was born and raised in the beautiful city of Edmonton. He is tall, like a 5 foot 11 inch tree. Rather than give the classic obituary-style intro, let me cut to the point- Bryan knows nothing about professional sports. Case in point- he likes the Edmonton Oilers. For most, the Oilers are like the Titanic- they both look great until they hit the ice.

My plan was simple: make any bet against



the Oilers. We decided to wager on the Oilers and Canucks. It is quite simple, every time the Canucks win, Bryan has to wear a little girls Canucks jersey the following day (and vice versa for me - which obviously will not happen). When we first talked about our bet, Bryan had

a hungry look in his eyes, like the kind you get from not eating for a while. Then again, maybe it was not hunger, considering we were both drunk at the time. Regardless, the bet was made.

My point in this article is quite simple: if you want to win in life you must do three really simple things. First, find something or someone that sucks. Second, find someone you are smarter than. Third, make any bet against them. Voila, you have just won!

So, the next time you see Bryan running down the halls in a tight little girls Canucks jersey, just remember how much fun it is to win, and how much it sucks to lose. Then again it is not all bad for Bryan, this gives him yet another opportunity to try and squeeze into clothes that are clearly too small for him. Come to think of it, girls' clothes do seem to fit him better.... Right Bryan?

'TUBAL LITIGATION'

KERRY GREER (2L)

prophylactics.

Due to the athletic nature of the sport, the players must also dress in racer swimsuits. For most ladies, this is of no consequence and they can still manage to look quite elegant. For others, whom I shall call 'the razorless', this is an extreme fashion challenge. However, there is a defensive advantage to having an excess of body hair; an offensive forward might become tangled within the growth, which would effectively halt their advance upon the net.

The next embarrassing element of inner-tube water polo is, of course, the tube itself. Strangers to the activity might assume that having a floating device makes the game less strenuous. This could not be more false. When a thrashing behemoth from the Pharmacy team flips you out of your tube, there is nothing more difficult than clambering back in during the heat of a play. The tube suddenly becomes more slippery than a seal fetus. The more ardently that one tries to tame it, the more determined the devil-tube becomes to keep you out. As a consequence, legs flail, arms flounder, and nicely plump derrieres are flipped in the most unbecoming manner. All this cardiovascular work leaves one spluttering and gasping for air like Tony Soprano.

Finally, we have the uncomfortable rules



There are few things in life more awkward than women's inner-tube water polo. *Co-ed* water polo might rank a bit higher on the list, but I will leave the banana-hammocks-are-Visually-assaulting-and-vomit-inducing-unless-you're-Matthew-McConaughey rant for another article.

The first obstacle to coolness in women's water polo is the unfortunate attire. Players must wear goofy little red caps with ear protectors so that they can hear their teammates over the riot of vigorous splashing. The regrettable consequence of donning the headgear is that a lady's formerly beautifully coifed 'do now more closely resembles an angry phallus'. After being pruned in the chlorinated water for an hour or two, the players are reminiscent of soggy

of play. For example, a player may not travel while carrying the ball in both hands. The rule-writers most likely had grandiose dreams of water-maidens bravely transporting the ball in one upraised palm, like the Statue of Liberty. Unfortunately, us ladies get caught up in the high spirits of the competition. We forget to be statuesque, and instead use our extra hand to aid our frantic scramble towards the opposing net. The resulting image is of a scuttling crab trying to keep her precious pelican poo pellet away from the other crustaceans.

And yet...in spite of enduring all the above, the law women's water polo team, The Little Mermaids, are a most dedicated unit. Last year, despite never achieving the glory of actually winning a game, seven ferocious Mermaids made it out, week after week, night after frigid -30 night, to do battle in the watery depths of the Van Vliet Pool. This year, the team has at least tripled in size, and we are looking forward to (hopefully) scoring more than two goals. Could it be that all these health-conscious women are forsaking their beauty and innate delicacy in order to obtain demanding physical exercise? Could the jovial camaraderie and post-shower socializing be enough to eschew poise and grace? Nah...word of the hot Matthew McConaughey look-alike lifeguard just got out!

AH, THANKSGIVING!

ALISON ROSS (2L)

Ah, Thanksgiving! In elementary school, while staring at the horn of plenty on the wall and making hand-tracings of turkeys, we would write journal entries indicating how thankful we were for our friends, families, house and even our pets. We would muse about how much we were thankful for our favourite food, toy, and television show. Fast forward to law school, where there are no horns of plenty adorning the law school halls and there is no one who insists on making turkey noises all throughout class. Although we could hand in a hand-tracing of a turkey as an assignment, the lack of relevance to the issues in the hypothetical would land a not-so-stellar mark. So without all the pomp and circumstance of thanksgivings gone by, I ask myself "What am I thankful for?"

First, I am thankful for CANS. How often do I sit at home thinking, "What was the ratio of the seventeenth case we went through in class?" or even "What was the name of that case with the guy and the girl?" Let us be honest, I barely remember my OWN name half the time, too bad there is no CAN for that.

What thanksgiving proclamation would be complete without the obvious for any law student...Coffee. It serves as the fuel to get through the 8 am classes, it brightens my day after 4 and a half hours of class, and most importantly it helps me "just get through" those readings, that paper, and the studying. A good



beer is also something to be thankful for, after a long day, after class, at lunch...anytime the mood strikes...anytime at all.

I am thankful for the food around the university. From Sushi, Indian food, and of

course the baked goods at "Hello My Friend Café", everything is as delicious as cranberry sauce on a slice of white meat turkey. I know I could make my own food, but the cooks at these fine establishments have infinitely more experience in the kitchen than my poor "Kraft dinner" culinary expertise. Oh, I am also happy for sleep, at any time. Naps are the perfect accompaniment to a fantastic day.

Finally, I am thankful for TV box sets. Because of these glorious creations, I can watch the entire series of *The Office*, *Dawson's Creek* or *Who's the Boss*, all without having to plan my life around cable. These are some of the most riveting and intriguing television shows that have ever graced the small screen. And who can honestly say that they do not need a study break every once in a while?

Of course there are always the generic thanks for family, friends, and my pet fish (G. Whytey) but I will save those for around the table. In amongst the turkey, the cranberry sauce and the pumpkin pie, I will think about law school and all the things I am thankful for. But do not be fooled. On thanksgiving I will be the one at the kids' table tracing their hand and colouring it to look like a turkey, and maybe I will make a "Happy Thanksgiving" card for my parents out of macaroni and paint, to relive the good ol' days!

SPEAKING UP FOR THE SHY GUY

MEGAN FENNELL (1L)

The looming specter of moots may present a formidable hurdle for any first-year student lacking the gift of gab, but let's face it: the majority of us are working on a slightly more immediate timetable in these first crazy days of law school (day-to-day organization; mocha-to-mocha survival.) A far more pressing concern for the silence-inclined students among us is the seemingly simple task of speaking up in class.

Much like figure-skating, those who can do it make it look ridiculously easy, and those who cannot... well, they generally try to stay off the ice. Or in this case, perfect the art of disappearing behind an oversized textbook and praying that the professor is not serious about this 'Socratic method' notion he has been hinting at.

Do not despair! I have spent more than a few of my undergrad years critiquing the form of the bold speaker-uppers (read: hiding behind an oversized textbook) and I am here to tell you that there are certain tricks to

minimizing your odds of public humiliation.

Start small: if the class is on a roll of one-word answers, gird your loins and leap in there. The attention will only be on you for a few seconds at most, and in the case of a completely wrong answer (overcome with nerves, you find yourself blurting out 'porcupines?' as a justification for private property...) nine times out of ten you will be met with a kindly 'Well, that is not quite what I was looking for' from the professor. Everyone will be too busy scratching 'porcupines' out of their notes to give it a second thought anyway.

On the subject of spotlight-induced brain freeze, try jotting down a few words to remind yourself of your comment before you put up your hand. It may sound like overkill, but who has not witnessed the cringe-worthy crash and burn of 'I, uh, forgot what I was going to say?'

Do know what you are talking about. If you have only got a shaky grasp on the topic at hand, it is probably not the most opportune time to

demonstrate your brilliance. Professors know when you are bluffing. It is like a variant of Spidey-sense.

Finally, start talking sooner rather than later. The longer you put off getting over those first comment jitters, the more intimidating it begins to seem. The frequent speakers among us may have already begun to establish themselves, but it is hardly too late for you to make yourself heard.



Good luck, and hope to hear from you soon!

5 TIPS ON HOW TO BE TIME EFFICIENT GERGELY HEGADUS (2L)

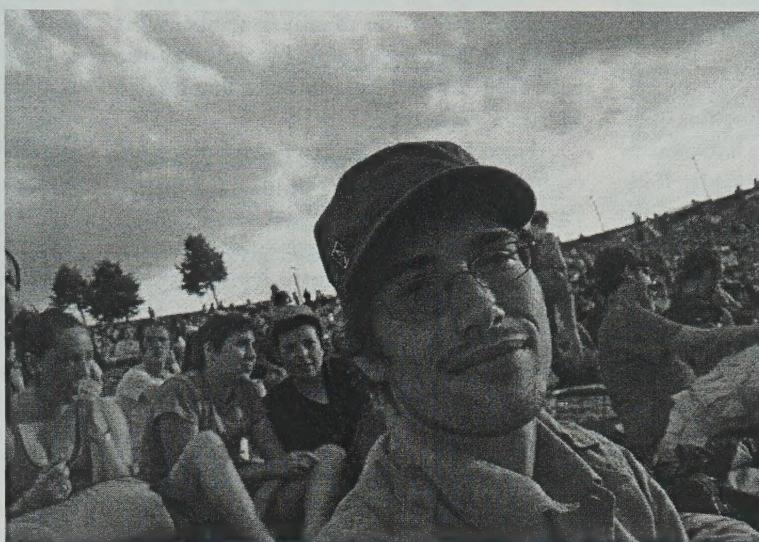
Hail first years. Many of you are settling into the routine of occupying full library tables and drinking at Hudson's. Good for you. While we love your enthusiasm to stay at the top of the class, here are some tips to maximize your time raising a glass:

Do not edit. Despite what any LRW professor will tell you, editing constitutes the single biggest waste of time for law students. As long as your paper is somewhat intelligible you should get through law school with flying colors. If anything, poor grammar and shoddy citations may evoke pathos from professors and improve your mark. Besides, who really cares about italicized commas anyway?

Be late. Nothing says, "I am an important person" like being late for every class and meeting you have. This strategy will win the confidence of peers and professors in no time. And those extra fifteen minutes of sleep do not hurt either.

Date an upper year. Now, I am not just suggesting this because some of my desperate friends happen to be upper years, but dating

and which cases to read will be a key to your success. If you want to do even better, date a professor.

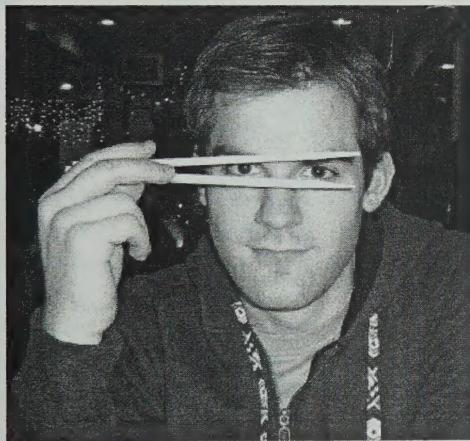


someone a year above you can provide key insights on how to improve your scholastic performance. Advice on which classes to skip

Use performance enhancers. Athletes do it, so why not lawyers? The fact that lawyers are not subject to the same rigorous doping controls as athletes make this efficiency increase a no-brainer. Take whatever pill or patch you can get your hands on to get the task done faster. Whether you have to run to court or speed read through the night, a vast array of uppers can help you be *citius, altius, and fortius*.

Work in large groups. Studies have shown that working in large groups of loud classmates can increase efficiency. Try the first floor of the library. And if it does not, you are all bringing down the curve together anyway. (All hail the curve – keeping the majority at mediocrity).

ROBERT SHAPIRO PULLS OJ - LANCE ITO STILL LOOSE VICTOR ALFONSO (3L)



Hollywood, CA – Former OJ Simpson lawyer Robert Shapiro has been arrested following a bizarre mid-afternoon heist at the L.A. County D.A.'s office. The "Dream Team" assistant-captain is said to have been trying to retrieve mementos from the double murderer's 1994 sham-trial that had been illegally confiscated by the district attorney. Local witnesses witnessed chief prosecution witness Mark Fuhrman, witness Mr. Shapiro yell "RE-PLEVIN" shortly before being tasered.

Among the items stolen snatched were the bloody glove and the Fuhrman tapes. When asked, Shapiro lawyer autoreply@legalzoom.com suggested "Mr. Shapiro wanted to use the

tapes to bolster the waning credibility of his e-lawyering start-up legalzoom.com, where you can write a legally binding will for only \$69.99." The tapes have been recovered.

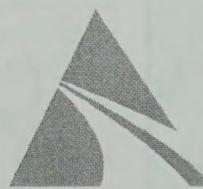
The whereabouts of the infamous bloody glove is still unknown. A source that is currently in divorce proceedings against Shapiro overheard him tell "that hoochy" a few days ago that the glove could revive Johnnie Cochrane. Cochrane died while writing a Broadway musical set to star Britney Spears and OJ Simpson entitled *Oops, If I Did It Again*. Shapiro, a long-time Cochrane sycophant, was devastated that the rock-

space-opera was never produced. Cochrane was best known for his silent defense of Michael Jackson in a suit

filed by Marcel Marceau, for infringing on his trademark power-white face.

L.A. County police are still searching for one of Shapiro's accomplices, Lance Ito, the it-must-have-been-affirmative-action-because-I-still-don't-understand-how-he-was-appointed-to-the-bench judge who oversaw the original OJ Simpson Matlock spin-off. In an absurd compounding of ironies, Ito was last seen fleeing in a stolen 1977 Ford Bronco with California vanity plate: 2lgt2acqt.

Shares in legalzoom.com gained 4 3/4 points yesterday to close trading at \$17.25.



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HE SAYS/SHE SAYS

BRYAN CROZIER (2L) & WENDY WANG (2L)

What should a law student wear for the upcoming Halloween party? How much is too much?

He Says:

Really, for those of you asking this question... it is probably too late. You have already made a fool of yourself at First Friday Back, and if not, you probably made up for it at the Rugby Pub Crawl. It was at this time last year I hung my dignity and pride on the wall, and decided to have some fun. Hopefully none of you first years saw pictures of it, because they really are not very pretty.

Of course, some of you are going to go as some form of "law pun", but really, are you creative enough to do something that somebody else has not done? Probably not... you are in law school after all.

Everybody knows that Halloween is the time of year where women can wear as provocative of clothing as possible, and not be ridiculed by their peers. You definitely will not have any complaints from the guys. Guys, you

can essentially wear anything you want, look as dumb as you want, and do what you want... then blame it all on alcohol, or say your girlfriend made you do it (both top notch excuses!). I hold the belief that if you cannot remember what happened, then it was probably someone else who did it anyway. Do not burst that bubble for me, I might cry.

However, if you are in dire need of a good outfit, I do have a great idea for a funny one. People like Robbie McCulloch can dress in a Vancouver Canucks jersey, and carry around a Stanley Cup. It is sure to get a few laughs, because everyone knows that it is never going to happen. Maybe even buy him a drink; it is not his fault he was raised cheering for the weak.

She Says:

Good for you! Seems like you finally learned from high school that it is important to think about things before you do them, which is more than I can say for myself, I began this sentence with the intention of finishing it with something clever (and grammatically correct)...

For costume tips, just look at last year,

when for a change the men were pretty ballerinas and the ladies were Elvis. I fully advocate a no holds barred approach, although it has to be said, lingerie and buttless chaps should be left in the bedroom – or saved for Rugby FABS.

But if you are truly lazy and are just scanning this article for the easy answer, there is one costume you already have all the elements for: Richard III (the Shakespeare version). Hunched back? Just look at those casebooks. Withered arm? Try writing your notes by hand after your laptop dies. Reading all those lengthy judgments has made you start speaking in unnecessarily wordy and pretentious English. And be honest, the outfit you usually have on at school was probably last washed in the 16th century. (Potential idea for a group: a horse, a horse, and a kingdom for a horse.)

So get creative! There is no need to use up all your precious time and money now when you are going to be even more overworked and broke as an articling student later. SLS people dress up as incognito Supermen whenever they go to court... what makes Halloween so special anyway?

Popular Law Student Halloween costumes...



I'll come to the library but I won't shutup the whole time! Tee hee!

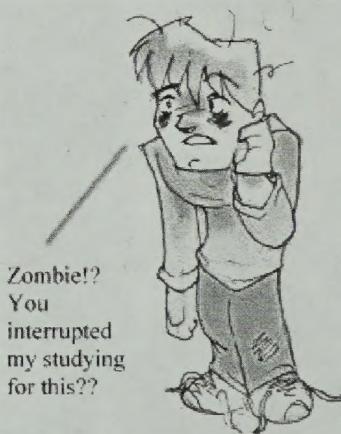
The False S.N.A.I.L.

The Penal Code

CENSORED!

Hey baby, want to see my penal code?

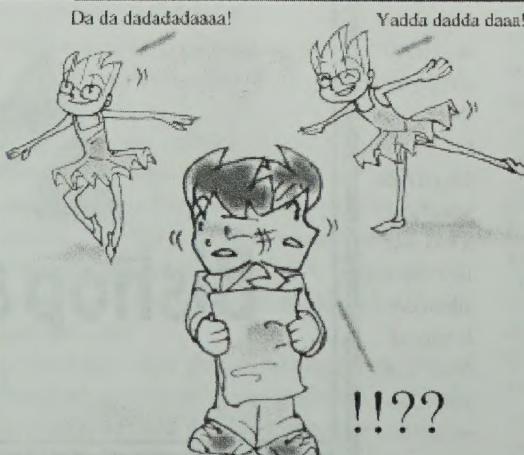
The Student Zombie



Zombie!? You interrupted my studying for this??

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...Hmmm for Law Show should I go in for singing? dancing? or acting? I can't decide!



Maybe I should go help with the silent auction instead?



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LAW GUY: DEANNA STONE (3L)



Full name? Deanna Michelle Stone-Timberlake.

Halloween name? Deadanna Tombstone

Do you have any secrets that you would never ever want published? WITHOUT PREJUDICE - I use my friends' cute children to get candy on Halloween.

LAW GUY: VINCE (3L)

Full name? Vince Yick-Gee Ng

Halloween name? Charles Chi-Tat Ng

What do you think about glove-socks? I don't know, but if it's anything as revolutionary as the SPORK, then I'm all for it.

Greatest Halloween costume ever? Jabba the Hutt, but with a young Carrie Fisher before she became a heroine addict.

If Frakengirl asked you out on a date, are you a big enough person to look past the fact she is made of corpses' body parts? I'm not picky... so long as she has all the "right" parts. It has been slow lately.

Which Ghostbuster character do you most resemble? Obviously Keymaster Gozer, before he becomes that ugly dog thing. Claiming to look like Rick Moranis is a stretch.

Which horror movie monster do you most resemble? I would look like Leatherface of *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* fame, if he were wearing my face. Why? Because he would be wearing MY FACE!!!

If you were killed in a horrible accident, where would your ghost haunt? Josh Duhamel's shower / bedroom / pretty much anywhere he is likely to take his shirt off.

Greatest Halloween costume ever? Josh Duhamel.

If Frankenstein asked you out on a date, are you a big enough person to look past the fact he is made of corpses' body parts? That depends on whether he has ownership of the body parts and whether the previous owners want them back. Litigation is expensive and I do not want to have to pay for dinner.

Which Ghostbuster character do you most resemble? When I was 3 months old I looked like the giant marshmallow monster, but now I am more like Slimer because I love food and flying through walls.

Which horror movie monster do you most resemble? What is the name of that smart good-looking monster? I cannot remember.

Casper: cute ghost or annoying prick? Ian

PROBING THE STUDENT BODY BY:
KERRY GREER

Stedman prefers to be called Powder and of course he is cute.

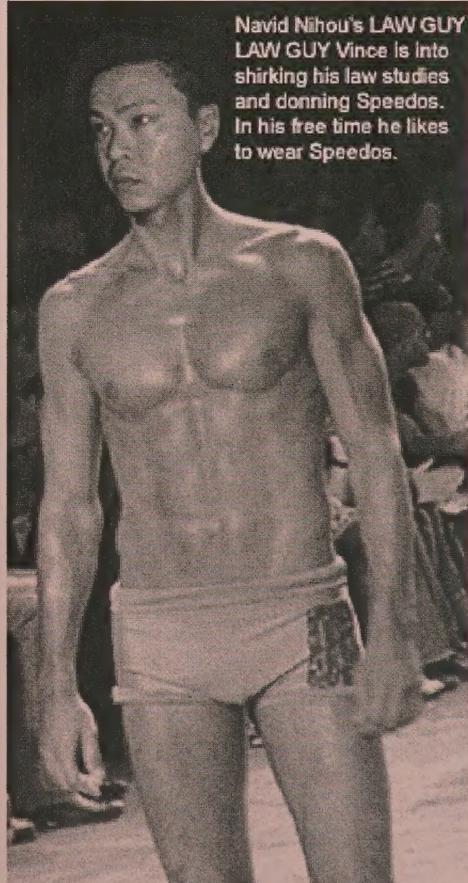
How is it possible that the slow-moving serial killer always catches up to the screaming girl? The Doppler Effect. As she runs into the sound that she is emitting, it slows her down.

Any advice for the 1L's about our Halloween Howler? 1: Stella and rye do not mix. 2: Rye and red wine do not mix. 3, FMC has set up video cameras in the bar and they base their hiring decisions on how much fun you are. So be fun!!!

Would you rather be a vampire or a werewolf? Vampire. They get the sexy fangs minus the back hair and halitosis.

Is Halloween your favorite holiday? Nope, Valentine's Day is because I like to buy buckets and buckets of Cinnamon Hearts and roll around on them on my bed.

Navid Nihou's LAW GUY
LAW GUY Vince is into
shirking his law studies
and donning Speedos.
In his free time he likes
to wear Speedos.



At what age did you stop trick-or-treating? When I realized that I could get the same amount of candy from Walmart for \$4 and did not have to walk around all night in the cold, straining my voice for a minuscule box of raisins, weighty apples, and expired taffy. Oddly enough that is about the same time I broke into the Obese range on the BMI.

Do you always remember to check your apples for razorblades before you eat it? Yes. If you have seen the cost of replacement razorblades you would too.

Would you rather be a vampire or a werewolf? Vampire... at least the vampires from *Underworld*. I like to wear tight form fitting leather every chance I get.

Is Halloween your favorite holiday? Nope. Chinese New Years. I would take money over candy every time. Every time.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 SLS ELECTIONS TORTFEA- SORS GAME 11:00PM	2 SLS ELECTIONS	3
4	5 CBA MEET YOUR MEN- TOR RECEP- TION	6 ALBERTA COURT CLERKSHIP INFO SESSION (12-2 @ 231)	7 LSP FOOD- BANK VISIT (5:30-8) SLS CASINO	8 SLS CASINO	9	10
11 REMEM- BRANCE DAY 	12 NO SCHOOL	13 NO SCHOOL; JOB SHAD- OWING DAY	14	15	16 RUGBY FABS	17
18	19	20	21	22 TORTFEA- SORS GAME 9:45	23 MED/LAW MIXER	24 BOWLING WITH CLSA
25	26 LAST WEEK OF SLS SHIFTS (WEEK 1)	27 LITIGATORS MEN'S HOCK- EY GAME 11:00PM	28	29	30	



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